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1,865,123	06-28-1932	Marangoni
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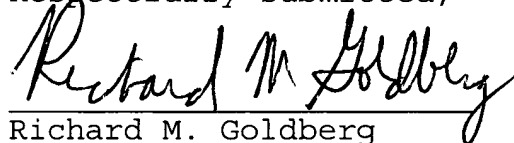
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